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1. The Albanian Government has established a restricted zone approximately 20 to 30 kilometers wide along its common frontier with Yugoslavia. Moreover, a curfew has been decreed from sunset to sunrise in this area.¹ Local authorities have issued special travel permits to residents in the area and all permits must be properly certified by the authorities before departure and upon return to the zone.² Motive for travel is indicated on the permit by a special cipher; and if the bearer travels to destinations not indicated on his permit, he is subjected to severe punishment (sic). Persons authorized to attend meetings at night, for example, are required to carry a lighted lantern to and from their meeting place because guards have standing orders to fire on individuals not carrying a lighted lantern during curfew hours.
2. Strategic points along the Bueve River as far as Lake Trstenik (sic) region are mined, while other unspecified key points along the river are guarded by armed guards.
3. Units of the special pursuit brigade organized by the Albanian Ministry of Interior, make periodical inspection trips to certain regions along the Yugoslav-Albanian border and arrest all suspects, thus terrorizing the residents in this area.³
4. In August and September 1952, leaflets exhorting the people of Yugoslavia to overthrow the Tito regime and praising the Soviet Union were distributed clandestinely from Albania in the City of Prizren and the community of Vucitern. Furthermore, there are frequent armed clashes between terrorists and espionage agents from Albania and the Yugoslav border guards.

5. **Comments:** 50X1-HUM

movement of civilians in the area of Korce is forbidden between sunset and sunrise.

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